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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Expedited Procedure Requested  
Examining Group. 3676  
Attorney Docket No. P23976

In re application of: H. SCHREFL et al.

Application No. : 10/624,605

Group Art Unit: 3676

Filed : July 23, 2003

Examiner: V. Patel

For : SEALING DEVICE

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.

X No additional fee is required.

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X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 30, 2005 ("Office Action"), the instant response being submitted within two months of the final rejection, i. e. by October 31, 2005 (October 30, 2005 being a Sunday) Applicants respectfully request entry of the accompanying Remarks and Amendments.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 14.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees

required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19 – 0089**.